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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing on the Philippines for the Subcommittee on East Asian and Pacific Affairs of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

25X1 1. On 13 September 1984, the Subcommittee on East Asian
25X1 and Pacific Affairs of the Senate Committee on Foreign
25X1 Relations was briefed on the Communist insurgency in the
Philippines by CIA, INR, and DIA. The briefers were [redacted]
[redacted] Assistant National Intelligence Officer for East
Asia; Frank McNeil, Deputy Director of INR; and [redacted]
DIO for East Asia. The briefing was chaired by Subcommittee
Chairman Frank H. Murkowski (R., AK). Other senators
present were John Glenn (D., OH) and, briefly, Claiborne
Pell (D., RI). The briefing followed the format and topics
used in a briefing for the Asian and Pacific Affairs
Subcommittee of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on
12 September 1984. A transcript was taken of the SECRET
25X1 level briefing. [redacted]

25X1 2. [redacted] introduced the other briefers and
explained that INR would cover questions 1-5; DIA would
respond to questions 6-12 and 22-24; CIA would answer
questions 13-21. Mr. McNeil began with a political overview
that touched on the strengths and weaknesses of the Marcos
regime, the May 1984 parliamentary elections, and the Agrava
Commission that investigated the 1983 Aquino assassination.
25X1 [redacted] discussed the growth of the Communist New
25X1 People's Army (NPA), public response to the NPA, and
government efforts to deal with the insurgency. [redacted]
covered intelligence sources on the Philippines, the
economic situation, and corruption in the government and
25X1 First Family. [redacted]

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3. The briefing was followed by questions from Senators Murkowski and Glenn. These dealt with the eventual succession question, the outlook for the 1987 elections, economic steps in connection with IMF requirements, NPA sources of support, the reaction of neighboring nations to the NPA rise, and any potential threat to US military bases in the Philippines. The Senators asked questions about US policy toward the Philippines and were told the briefers, as intelligence analysts, were not able to respond in this area. The briefing concluded with no follow-up matters.

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